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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET GRAIN AND PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS

1. MINISTRY OF INTERNATONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) HAS
ASKED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT US-SOVIET GRAIN AND PETRO-
LEUM AGREEMENTS, WE HAVE RESPONDED PARTIALLY AND INFORMALLY
BASED ON GUIDANCE SO FAR RECEIVED; WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER
INFO AVAILABLE.

2. WHY DOES THE AGREEMENT COVER ONLY WHEAT AND CORN?

4. WHAT IS THE CONCRETE MEANING OF ARTICLE 1 IN WHICH IT
SAYS THAT USA SHALL EMPLOY ITS GOOD OFFICES TO
FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE SUCH SALES BY PRIVATE COMMERCIAL SOURCES?

5. DO NORMAL COMMERCIAL TERMS EXCLUDE SUPPLIER'S CREDIT?
WHAT IS MEANT BY NORMAL COMMERCIAL TERMS?

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6. DOES THE PHRASE "PRIVATE COMMERCIAL SOURCES" INCLUDE JAPAN, OR IS IT LIMITED TO US FIRMS?

7. WHAT DOES THE PHRASE "EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE AGREED BY THE PARTIES" OF ARTICLE 2 MEAN?

8. THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ON PETROLEUM STATES THAT THE USSR "WILL OFFER OIL" AND THE US "MAY" PURCHASE THE OIL. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE USSR HAS AN OBLIGATION TO OFFER OIL WHILE THE US HAS ONLY THE OPTION TO PURCHASE IT?

9. HOWE WAS THE 70-30PERCENT SPLIT BETEEN CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARRIVED AT?

10. CAN TANKERS THAT CARRY OIL CARRY BOTH WHEAT AND CORN?

11. JAPAN PARAGRAPH FIVE DOES THE US HAVE ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRIES IN MIND, INCLUDING JAPAN.

12. IS IT TRUE THAT THE US PROPOSED A 15 PERCENT DISCOUNT ON PRICES AND THAT THIS WAS REJECTED?

13. WHAT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY ARE ALRADY UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN? HAVE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL SITES BEEN DECIDED? DO THEY INCLUDE SIBERIA?

14. WILL THIS AGREEMENT HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON PROPOSED TRILATERAL EFFORTS AMONG JAPAN, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE US?

15 . WHEN DOES THE US EXPECT TO CONCLUDE A PETROLEUM AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION?

16. WHY WERE THE PETROLEUM AND GRAIN AGREEMENTS SEPARATED? WAS THE NEWSWEEK ACCOUNT CORRECT IN REPORTING THAT THE US ABANDONED A UNIFIED APPROACH?

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17. THE US HAS BEEN GENERALLY OPPOSED TO DIRECT DEALS OR GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT DEALS ON PETROLEUM AS INJURIOUS TO CONSUMER SOLIDARITY. DOES THE SOVIET PETROLEUM AGREEMENT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN THIS POLICY?
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